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- An unconfirmed report states that General Unver Hoxha has been in prison at Shengjin for the past 15 days, and that power has been seized by Lieutenant General Mehmet Shehu. In addition, Tuk Jakova, the Ministers of Finance\* and Education\*, as well as the Chief of the Executive Committee of the Albanian Communist Party in Tirana, have also reportedly been arrested. Source also added that Abedin Shehu committed suicide.
- A well-placed informant states that the authority of Enver Hoxha over the Albanian Army has greatly diminished; the majority of the officers and enlisted men, even those who had once supported the present regime, were anxious to revolt. The armed forces are reportedly held in line only through strict discipline, surveillance by IMP, and because of the fact that the army is composed of Communist veterans so compromised that their lives depend upon the continuance of the present government.

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Commont: Abdul Kalleri and Kahreman Yeli, respectively. this connection, see FBIS No. 49, dated 13 March 1950, which reported the dismissal of Shuqri Kellezi.

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